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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON U.S.
COMPANIES BY PREISIDENT BOURGUIBA

1. PRESIDENT'S CHEF DE CABINET, ABDELAZIZ GASSAB,
JUST CALLED ME AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO
REQUEST ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE ON THREE AMERICAN
OIL FIRMS: COASTAL STATES, STANDARD OF OHIO AND CHARTER
(WE ASSUME HE MEANT CHARTER OIL COMPANY OF FLORIDA).
HE SAID THESE THREE FIRMS HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN
CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND REFINERY IN BAGES AND PRESIDENT
WISHES TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM. HE WAS VERY UNCLEAR
AS TO TYPE OF INFORMATION DESIRED.

2. SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL REQUEST GIVES US OPPORTUNITY
PASS ON FAVORABLE BACKGROUND ON U.S. FIRMS TO HIGHEST
LEVEL GOT. WOULD APPRECIATE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH COMPANY, SHOWING MAJOR
ACTIVITY, AREAS OF OPERATION, VOLUME OF BUSINESS, CAPITAL
WORTH, NET PROFITS, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
WHICH WOULD BEAR UPON THE FIRM'S ABILITY TO ESTABLISH
LARGE REFINERY IN JOINT VENTURE WITH TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT. RECENT POLICY STATEMENTS INDICATE THIS
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REFINERY WOULD BE DIRECTLY PRIMARILY AT EXPORT

MARKET. WE ALSO INTEND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE GASSAB'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE HIM A LIST OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING COMPANIES QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF REFINERY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.
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